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Circular to rein in RWAs arm-twisting residents by unauthorised regulations over pet ownership/feeding of strays

ANYTHING'S PAWSIBLE

RWAs/societies may frame bylaws within constitutional framework

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> "We recently had a meeting with animal activists and NGOs and they expressed these concerns
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> — senior official, animal husbandry dept, BBMP

The Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) in Bengaluru will soon have a common guideline to follow for stray dog management in and around their gated communities.

After receiving many complaints from pet owners and community dog caretakers about RWAs arm-twisting residents by bringing in unauthorised rules, stipulations, and guidelines, the animal husbandry department of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has decided to issue a circular to RWAs across the city.

The circular, expected to be issued in the coming week, is being prepared based on rules mentioned under Animal Birth Control (ABC), Rule, 2023, and various notices issued by the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) and Karnataka Government from time to time.

Failure to adhere to these rules by societies may lead to cancellation of registrations.

"Despite spreading awareness around rules such as ABC, BBMP continues to receive several complaints where compassionate citizens and animal welfare activists are being harassed by their neighbours, RWAs, and others. There is a lot of misunderstanding among residents and RWAs too. We recently had a meeting with animal activists and NGOs and they expressed these concerns. These are some of the reasons we have decided to issue

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Trees of future totalled

Of 50,000 saplings planted on environment day last year not many have survived

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) forest department had joined hands with residents' welfare associations and schools to plant saplings as part of beautification of roads in the city.

The BBMP used the services of school-children to plant around 50,000 saplings on the occasion of World Environment Day last year but not many of those saplings have survived due to obvious reasons.

For example, the BBMP roped in students of ITI Vidya Mandir School last year for planting around 40 saplings on Old Madras Road between Benniganahalli and Baiyappanahalli police station. The function was held with much fanfare but the saplings were forgotten by the BBMP forest department as soon as they were planted.

Each of the saplings was provided with a tree guard that has a label having a provision for the name of the school, student and the number of the sapling supplied. Environmentalists expressed concern over the condition of saplings planted last year.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Musical homage

Calling all Carnatic music lovers! This weekend, enjoy the melody of a Carnatic vocal recital by Sangita Kalanidhi, Dr S Sowmya, a distinguished alumnus of IIT Madras, at the Professor SV Rangaswamy Memorial Concert presented by SPICMACAY and the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru. She will be accompanied by HS Sudhindra on the mridangam, Embar Kannan on the violin, and SN Narayana Murthy on the ghatam. **When: April 20, 6 pm**
Where: JN Tata Auditorium, IISc

02 Building blocks

Here is a fun and engaging activity that helps your child develop important skills and reduce their screen time. In this session, they can explore their creativity, develop problem-solving skills, and develop spatial awareness while having fun and interacting with others. Block play encourages movement and physical activity and develops fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. Open for ages 3 to 12 years old.
When: April 20, 5 pm and 6 pm
Where: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath

03 Soulful melodies

Prepare to be enchanted by the mesmerising melodies through a live performance by "Swaradi," renowned for their soul-stirring compositions and captivating performances as they grace the stage with their unique blend of classical and contemporary music. The event offers music enthusiasts of all ages an opportunity to come together and enjoy an evening of musical brilliance. **When: April 20, 7 pm**
Where: Nexus Mall, Koramangala

Beauty of traditional artefacts

A model is seen posing for pictures and exploring the Indian Haat Festival, a lifestyle and exhibition event at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, on Friday in Bengaluru. The festival features arts, crafts, handlooms, and lifestyle exhibits.

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149-day drought ends, but heart wants more

City receives rainfall on Friday; BBMP prepares for upcoming monsoon

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Bengaluru sets a new record by going 149 days without rain, receiving its previous rainfall on November 22, 2023. However, a few areas in the city received rainfall on Friday. In fact, on Thursday, the city witnessed its hottest day of the year, recording a scorching 37.2 degrees Celsius, marking a notable change in weather conditions for the region. Following this heatwave, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) issued its first nowcast for Bengaluru on Friday evening, indicating the likelihood of light thundershowers over the city and offering a potential respite from the intense heat.

In contrast to Bengaluru's weather, other parts of the state saw varying conditions. Rainfall was observed at a few locations across the north interior Karnataka, while isolated spots in coastal and south interior Karnataka also received some precipitation. Notable rainfall figures included Athani and Nipani recording 6 cm, Mahalingpur with 4 cm, and Honnavar with 3 cm. The plains of the state saw the highest maximum temperature, with Kalaburgi and Raichur recording a sweltering 41.4 degrees Celsius.

BBMP takes up monsoon preparedness work by removing silt from Rajakaluves

"Looking ahead, the temperature forecast for Karnataka indicates relatively stable conditions over the next two days, with no significant change in the maximum temperature expected. However, a gradual rise of two to three degrees Celsius is anticipated across the state for the next three days. This temperature trend is particularly noteworthy for Bengaluru and its neighbouring areas. The forecast remains valid until Sunday morning. Over the next 48 hours, residents can anticipate partly cloudy skies with the possibility of rain or thundershowers toward the evening or night. Maximum temperatures are likely to hover around 36°C, while minimums are expected to be around 23°C," an IMD official said.

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Is the city gearing up for the monsoon?

With six weeks to go until monsoon, there has been pressure on the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to take up 'declogging' measures. A BBMP official said, "We have already initiated monsoon preparedness work for a duration of 15 days prior to the monsoon onset in the BBMP area. This programme aims to mitigate potential rain damage. Additionally, other precautionary measures have been implemented to ensure effective preparation for the monsoon."

A senior official said that sensitive and hyper-sensitive areas within wards have been identified, and the officials are asked to take up dredging activities focusing on connection drains in Rajakaluve. Daily cleaning routines target solid waste accumulation along roadsides, while arm drains at ward levels are cleaned regularly. "Drains along arterial and sub-arterial roads undergo cleansing, along with the removal of accumulated building debris. Mechanical sweepers are utilised efficiently and intensively to ensure cleanliness. Moreover, upper and lower bridge lead-off drains are cleaned, and certification is obtained to ensure uninterrupted water flow. Potholes are repaired to maintain road quality and safety standards. Overall, these concerted efforts aim to enhance the city's preparedness for the monsoon and minimise potential damage caused by rain," he said.

According to estimates, there are 198 flood-prone areas in the city, of which 118 are permanently addressed, while temporary measures have been taken for the remaining 80. "We need to prioritise these areas and keep pumps on standby at sensitive locations to flush out water during severe waterlogging. Teams will be deployed with assistance from the forest wing to address tree fall issues. Officials have been instructed to resolve complaints raised by citizens during rainfall. There are 53 underpasses in BBMP limits, and emergency work has been undertaken on 41 grade separators. CCTV cameras and lighting facilities will be installed at the underpasses, and metre gauges will be installed to measure the amount of rainwater flowing through them," officials added.

Tenant poses as owner to lease out flat

Accused allegedly targets senior citizens by renting out their property and then never paying up

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A senior citizen who had rented out her property on Hennur Road is suffering after her tenant allegedly took her for a ride. The woman ended up visiting the nearby police station seeking justice as the tenant had not only leased out the properties to others but also failed to pay the rent for months. It said the police are reluctant either to summon the tenant or register a case against him.

Saramma Jacob had rented out her flat in the Classic Royale Garden to one Ahmed Ali Baig, Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Ziyu Homes Private Limited for 33 months at a rent of Rs 35,000 per month.

The agreement was made on March 24, 2022. With the tenant paying the rent on time only for a few months, Saramma, who is on medication for BP and other ailments, was compelled to visit Baig to collect the rent. Finally, when she visited her flat in December 2022, she came to know that it was already leased out to two other people, Syed Ataulla and Talat Afza, for Rs 22 lakh for two years.

The lease agreement was made on May 24, 2022, just two months after Baig had entered into a rental agreement with Saramma.

"I was shocked when the tenant claimed to have entered a lease agreement with Ahmed Ali Baig by paying Rs 22 lakh for two years. My name is not mentioned in the lease agreement. Baig is said to have behaved like he were the owner of the property. It is not clear how the tenant paid Rs 22 lakh without verifying the property documents," said Saramma.

To her utter shock, Hennur Police have instructed her not to enter the flat and they told her that she would be liable for punishment if she continues to visit the flat. Hennur Police issued an endorsement to her when she lodged a complaint with them against her tenant.

"The police did not summon the accused. They declined to register a case against the accused stating that the complaint is civil in nature. If my complaint is civil in nature, how come the police instructed me not to enter my flat based on a complaint lodged by the tenant?" she asked.

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It is learnt that the accused has allegedly cheated another senior citizen too by leasing his two-storied building to others without his knowledge. "I have complained to the police but no help from them," said the property owner.

It is said, as per the documents available with Bangalore Mirror, Govindapura Police have registered a FIR against Baig and a case (Crl. Misc./0003489/2024) is pending in the Court of LXIII Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge.

RCB gives its best shot for 2 city lakes

Professional franchise cricket team Royal Challengers Bengaluru has restored three lakes in Bengaluru, a city grappling with a severe water crisis.

RCB launched the Lake Improvement Works Project in October 2023 as part of the "RCB Go Green Initiative". The project focused on desilting and developing the Ittgalpura and Sadenahalli lakes, located in highly water-stressed areas.

These areas lack access to Kaveri River water and rely entirely on groundwater and surface water with borewell depths ranging from 1,000 to 1,500 feet.

According to a statement, more than

1,20,000 tons of silt and sand have been removed from the two lakes and nine acres of lake land have been recovered, leading to the creation of stabilisation ponds and wetlands that benefit the local bird and animal populations.

The water holding capacity of the lakes has also increased to cover up to 17 acres, it said, adding that the lakes will not only facilitate groundwater recharge but also support agricultural activities in the surrounding areas.

They will provide additional livelihood opportunities for the fishermen and farmers of the two lakes, who can now harvest up to three times more than before, it said.

Meanwhile, at Kannur Lake, the objective has been to improve community ownership through the creation of civic amenities as lake assets. **PTI**

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A blitzkrieg of pretence

Since when did absurd pretence drive global politicking and policy? The problem is, this pretence is criminal. It is time we called it so.

Economics, geopolitics, war or peace — the aforesaid complex is raised by xenophobia, racism, authoritarianism, othering of muslims, tech testing in the global south, political leverage gained through peddling disinformation/misinformation in emerging economies where regulation is a blur, and so forth. Pretty much every policy, agenda, politic, even lifestyles of generations are altered by this pretence aiding the longevity of corrupt politicians that refuse to be dethroned by democratic checks and balances.

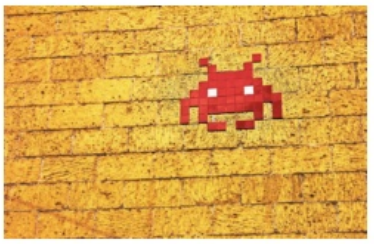
It is perplexing when big tech - such a nascent economic model for millions of aspiring youths - has sans any hesitation given in to a global order that adores supreme leaders to whom support is a matter of consent that's oftentimes paid for, allegations of rigging votes notwithstanding on the backdrop of the biggest election underway in the world.

It is a poor reflection on the global press too that a blitzkrieg campaign for the incumbent is maintained by it; more often in the global south where authoritarian tendencies are nurtured in wild abandon as all the constitutionally mandated mechanisms are almost non-existent or working purely in a servile pattern. The servants - bureaucracy, jurisprudence or press - risk livelihood, existence or life itself if they dared questioning the evil status quo. How tech has played a role in conjuring up this preposterous place that the collective finds itself today with no option than to genuflect must be investigated in earnest if ever normalcy is salvaged.

The full on, all out blitzkrieg campaign can raise smoke and mirrors to extend the regime's longevity for a few years more — what then, and thereafter? Certainly it isn't wisdom leading the busybodies propping up the regime for another term which may forever jeopardise India. It is short term gain no doubt but sadly an instance of a snake swallowing its own tail.

Well, the reality now is horrifyingly similar to that sequence in Ridley Scott's film Gladiator when general Maximus is stabbed in the back by emperor Marcus Aurelius' son Commodus before Maximus is sent to the colosseum to face off the father-slayer Commodus himself. The veil of normality is sacrosanct. And the game's afoot and a winner has to emerge just as the loser. Fact is never was the game played as per the rules.

It's anybody's guess who corresponds to Commodus and the gladiator in the India scenario now.



If blatant abuse of power, disregard for rule of law and mass disenfranchisement of religious minorities - some rendered stateless in conflict zones (over 33,000 dead in the massacre of Middle East) - are termed statesmanship, then we do have a ship full of ageing statesmen sailing towards their 'promised land'. This promised land is solely for them and their cronies — not for humanity; there shan't be an iota of doubt in gauging this simple and absolute reality. But it seems we still aren't sure whether an atrocity is in fact an atrocity, as the terms of reference keep shifting based on who the perpetrator is.

On the one side, we have society sitting on overwhelming evidence against those in power bending the rules to suit their case causing immense harm to hapless humans, and on the other we have modern technology of large language models (so-called AI) imprinting the bias and prejudice of the rich, powerful and elite on the global economic order relying on tech blindfolded. It is a bit of an intrigue why we have to pretend all other technological advancements up until now are obsolete, when obviously they aren't, in favour of the newfound pretence sustained by big tech.

For instance, in a documentary by an Oscar-winning crew on how interconnected is life across the planet narrated by a popular actor, a rhinoceros is seen in Nepal venturing into a small hamlet bordering the forest as apparently the stretch is part of its seasonal local migration in search of food. As the rhino walks along the busy village street in great composure as though it had been doing it for years, a Punjabi track is the background score to go with the setting. Punjab is thousands of kilometres away from Nepal where hardly you come across such music. The attitude of the docu maker: how does it matter for the western audiences? It is 'heathen' country anyhow! This disregard for detail/cultural markers/sensitivities in the rush to capitalise on eyeballs is depleting the juice of creative and journalistic enterprises; nevertheless, here's a ubiquitous characteristic of the pretence.

Well, in brief, everything about this pretence that upholds a criminal entrepreneurial strain rooting for the base tendencies of humankind indicates it is not a sustainable idea to be legitimised, even for the sake of the economy of tech, which is often the case.

Black spots rising: Remains of trash fires

Citizens report rise in instance of garbage burning at various spots; experts warn fumes from such fires can be toxic

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On Thursday, many commuters on Baiyappanahalli Main Road had no other option but to breathe smoke-filled air, thanks to a big garbage pile set on fire. Commuters using the stretch say the entire length of the road opposite Sir M Vishveshwaraya Terminal was not just full of mixed waste and huge black spots but was also ablaze.

"Mixed garbage was seen dumped all along the stretch and the whole patch was set on fire. There are black spots everywhere showing this is a regular occurrence. Why is so much mixed waste dumped here? It was difficult to breathe on the stretch as the entire road was filled with smoke. My clothes picked up the stench and smelled like smoke even after I reached home. Residents of the area are inhaling toxic gases such as furans and dioxins, given there was a lot of plastic in the waste," said Odette Katrak, co-founder of Beautiful Bharat, a citizen volunteer group.

Residents from various other parts of the city say instances of indiscriminate burning of garbage piles and the number of black spots in the city appear to have gone up.

A resident of Kodegahalli recalls an instance of garbage burning in the area a few days ago. However, despite filing a complaint with video evidence, the issue was not resolved.

On receiving no response from BBMP, he approached the individuals setting the garbage pile on fire, but the offenders confronted him and started to abuse him.

"Keeping in mind my safety, I stepped back and reported the problem to BBMP once more. The officials swung into action only a couple of days ago and cleaned the spot. However, dumping and burning of mixed garbage on the spot continues," said the residents.

A garbage dump set afire in Girinagar Road

> **"We have reported 54 instances of illegal garbage dumping and burning in the city over the last 40-45 days. The number of such cases has gone up**
>
> –Chiku Agarwal, Jhatkaa.org

Garbage-burning incidents have been reported recently from JP Nagar, Yelahanka, and BTM Layout over the last month.

Citizens say the number of such cases has gone up with the onset of election season as most of the BBMP officials are on pre-election duty, resulting in a surge in black spots too.

"We have reported 54 instances of illegal garbage dumping and burning in the city over the last 40-45 days. The number of such cases has certainly gone up. Citizens have also been reporting such cases on the Namma Clean Bengaluru (NCB) Tool by Jhatkaa.org. While BBMP officials have visited some of these sites, no resolution has emerged. In the past, BBMP was incredibly proactive in this area, but with elections ongoing and most officials assigned to election duty, they have been slow to respond if at all," said Chiku Agarwal, Senior Engagement Associate at Jhatkaa.org.

Hasiru Dala project manager Nirmala Shekar told BM, "Garbage burning is most prevalent on the periphery of BBMP jurisdiction. While the general perception is that waste is an urban issue, due to changes in consumption patterns, it is becoming a major problem in peri-urban areas too. While there is a collection system in all villages surrounding Bengaluru, back-end infrastructure is missing, leading to garbage dumps being set on fire. There is also a need to bring about behavioral change by spreading awareness."

Some experts say there is a lack of coordination between citizen leaders, NGOs, and BBMP officials on the issue and the gap is widening. When BM reached out to BBMP officials, they denied that there was any increase in complaints regarding black spots and garbage piles on fire.

"There is no surge in number of complaints. However, we are fining people who are caught illegally dumping garbage," said a BBMP official.

Railways plannning record 9,111 trips this summer

Indian Railways has announced its plan to operate a remarkable 9111 trips during the upcoming summer season, aimed at accommodating the anticipated surge in travel demand and ensuring passenger convenience, as per an official statement.

According to the release, 9111 trips marked a substantial rise compared to the summer of 2023, when a total of 6,369 trips were offered. This translates to an increase of 2,742 trips, demonstrating Indian Railways' commitment to meeting passenger demands effectively.

> **All zonal railways spread across India have geared up to operate these additional trips**

The additional has been meticulously planned to connect key destinations across the country, ensuring seamless travel on major railway routes. All zonal railways spread across India have geared up to operate these additional trips, catering to the summer travel rush from states like Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Odisha, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Delhi, the release read. Planning additional trains is a process for which inputs are taken from all the communication channels 24x7 and Railway Integrated Helpline Number 139, apart from details of waitlist passengers in the PRS system. **–ANI**

Will work on widening Airport Road begin soon?

K'taka govt resolves to acquire 15.39 acres for road expansion, reviving long-stalled project amid Supreme Court directives

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The widening of the long-debated and awaited Jayamahal and Sankey Road has got a new push as the State Cabinet has recently given a green signal to utilise a portion of the already acquired 15.5 acres within the 466-acre Bangalore Palace premises for expanding roads on either side of Palace grounds by offering Transferable Development Rights (TDR) as compensation for this land acquisition.

The cabinet's intention is to acquire 15.39 acres of land, which would aid in the expansion of Jayamahal and Ballari roads. The State Government has resolved to procure the vacant land on the palace grounds on both sides and compensate with Rs 1,400 crore worth of TDR. Past administrations had made alterations to these directives three times, including a previous proposal to offer 12.91 lakh square feet of land elsewhere in exchange for this parcel.

The initiative, originally set in motion during the JDS-Congress government in 2019, saw a halt following the government's collapse, only to be revived by CM Basavaraj S Bommai in September 2022. The project's delay was primarily due to the high-value TDR involved, prompting former BBMP Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad to recommend a reevaluation of the plan. Notably, the classification of the Palace grounds as 'agricultural' land in official records posed a significant challenge, leading to suggestions of acquiring the entire 472-acre Palace grounds and appealing to the Supreme Court.

Traffic on Airpot Road due to congestion

The legal saga surrounding the acquisition dates back to 2006 when the land belonging to Bangalore Palace was acquired for road expansion, sparking a dispute over the legitimacy of the action and the need for TDR. Supreme Court intervention ensued, directing key officials to appear personally and prompting the State Cabinet to justify its actions in court.

Explaining the situation, Minister Krishnabyre Gowda stated, "In 1996, the state legislature passed a law affirming that the land is owned by the state government and can be utilised for public purposes such as parks or open spaces. Despite this, the royal family has appealed to the Supreme Court, leading to an ongoing dispute over ownership and the responsibility of issuing TDR. Following the court's directive to have the chief secretary personally present, the chief minister has instructed a competent legal expert to resolve the underlying dispute swiftly and fairly."

In 2009, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) proposed including Jayamahal Road to Bellary Road for widening, encompassing 15 acres 39 guntas of Bangalore Palace property. Approval came in January 2011 after the civic body's letter to DPAR. The plan aimed to widen 4.26 km from Cantonment to Jayamahal, passing through Mehkri Circle, to a 150-foot carriageway. The Wadiyar family consented with a condition for a 14-foot boundary wall by BBMP. However, the project stalled as the Wadiyars sought compensation through TDR in the Supreme Court in 2011.

On November 21, 2014, the Supreme Court issued an order approving the project and instructing the government to issue TDR. According to estimates, the 15-acre 39 guntas equate to a total of 64,656 square meters or 6,95,951 square feet. The TDR granted, calculated at 1.5 times the land lost, amounts to 10,43,926 square feet, which the family can use for construction elsewhere or trade for market value.

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Infra boosts property development in and around T.Begur

The completion of the north-western by-pass of the city, or the few stretches of Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR), has diverted a portion of traffic entering Bengaluru city. Additionally, these roads are driving real estate growth in and around areas like Nelamangala and T Begur. The four-laning project from Dabaspet to Doddaballapur bypass, undertaken as part of Package one, is almost complete. Initially sanctioned on January 20, 2020, at a cost of Rs 1,438.14 crore, the project commenced on April 19, 2021, covering a 42-km stretch.

The road extension from Doddaballapur to Hoskote is finished. Nevertheless, the four-lane road from Hosakote to the Karnataka/ Tamil Nadu border is now slated for completion by February 14, 2025. This project, with a sanctioned cost of Rs 1,027.48 crore, received approval on December 30, 2021. Work on a 20.9-km stretch commenced on January 29, 2021, with an expenditure of Rs 476.67 crore incurred so far.

A real estate developer said that Bengaluru stands out as one of the few cities in the country where the golden quadrilateral and the north-south corridor intersect. "Traffic heading from the west towards the north, south, or east must navigate through the city, contributing to increased congestion. However, a significant bypass (STRR) not only diverts traffic but also enhances infrastructure development on the outskirts of the city.

A segment of STRR facilitates the smooth flow of traffic from Tumakuru towards Doddaballapur (Gauribidanur-Hindupur road), Chikkaballapur-Hyderabad road, Old Madras road, and Hosur road (Chennai, Krishnagiri, and Kanyakumari).

The latest update on this project indicates that the northern stretch of the STRR is approaching completion. Thanks to this progress, areas such as Nelamangala, Dabaspet, Doddabelavangala, Devanahalli, and Hosakote are poised to receive a substantial boost in infrastructure."

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T Shivakumar, a real estate developer, said that the construction of the STRR will significantly enhance connectivity and accessibility to these areas, and the improved road infrastructure will reduce travel time and facilitate seamless movement of people and goods, making Nelamangala and T Begur more attractive destinations for businesses and residents alike.

"This enhanced connectivity is expected to spur commercial activities, attract investments from various sectors, and drive demand for commercial spaces. Furthermore, this project is likely to lead to the development of integrated townships and residential complexes along its corridor.

The ease of access provided by the road will make these areas desirable locations for residential projects, especially for individuals working in Bengaluru who seek a serene yet well-connected living environment.

This increased demand for housing will, in turn, stimulate the growth of the real estate sector, encouraging developers to undertake new projects and expand their presence in Nelamangala and T Begur.

The project's ripple effect on infrastructure development cannot be understated. As the Satellite Town Ring Road takes shape, it is expected to spur the establishment of essential amenities such as schools, healthcare facilities, shopping centres, and recreational spaces.

These amenities are crucial for enhancing the quality of life for residents and attracting more people to settle in the region, further driving the demand for residential and commercial properties."

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In the fiscal year 2023, the residential property market experienced an unprecedented surge, witnessing a record-breaking Rs. 3.47 lakh crore (US$42 billion) in transactions, marking a robust 48 per cent year-on-year increase in home purchases.

Sales volume also saw a notable uptick, with a 36 per cent surge, totaling 379,095 units. Moreover, commercial real estate transactions doubled, reaching 1.5 million square feet in the first quarter of 2023. Priyatham Kumar, the founder of Homes247, identifies several key trends driving this growth, which are poised to sustain momentum throughout the year.

According to Priyatham Kumar, the return of non-resident Indians (NRIs) and high-net-worth individuals (HNIs) to their home country has fueled a surge in investments in both commercial and residential real estate.

A report by the India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF) indicates that 52 per cent of NRIs are actively exploring opportunities in commercial real estate, aiming to diversify their investment portfolios within the Indian real estate sector. This trend, coupled with a growing demand for residential properties, underscores significant momentum in the Indian real estate market.

Additionally, Kumar highlights the surge in demand from the information technology (IT), banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI), and telecommunications sectors, which is expected to drive a 15 to 18 million square foot increase in data centre requirements by 2025. This upward trend is poised to substantially boost the demand for commercial real estate across various Indian cities.

Furthermore, the demand for affordable housing is on the rise, particularly in Tier 2 and 3 cities as well as some Tier 1 urban areas, driven by increasing populations and the quest for budget-friendly housing options and amenities. The rapid pace of industrialization, infrastructure development, growth in the commercial sector, and expanding employment opportunities are propelling the residential market in India.

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Pollution predicament plagues another lake

Concerns mount over pollution from stormwater drain, citizens demand action from BBMP

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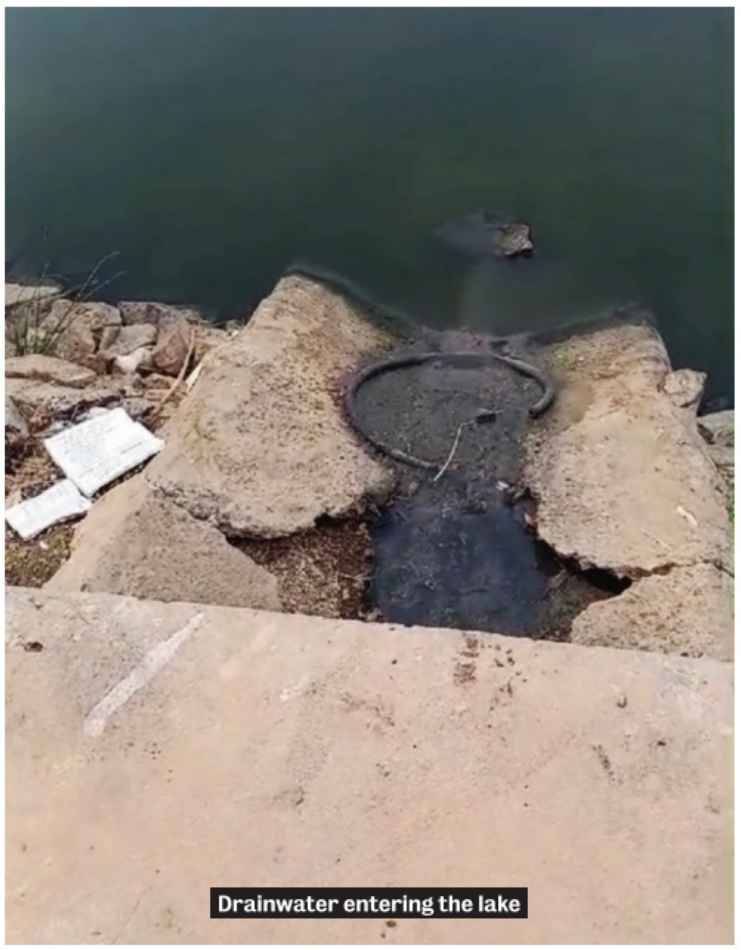
Residents and environmentalists are worried about the deteriorating condition of Mangammanapalya Lake near HSR Layout. They are complaining that the authorities have failed to preserve the water body despite spending a lot of money on its rejuvenation a few years ago. The residents want the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Lakes Department and Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) to take measures to stop dirty water from entering the lake.

"I am shocked to see the pathetic condition of the lake. No one, either the BBMP Lakes Department engineer or BWSSB engineer, is bothered about dirty water entering into the lake through the stormwater drain. I came to know that a nearby settlement is the source of the dirty water that is flowing into the lake through the stormwater drain. I was told that some dwellings let sewage into the stormwater drain," said Sunil Achar, a resident.



Drainwater entering the lake

The residents said the BWSSB authorities have failed to ensure that all the dwellings adjacent to the lake have underground drainage (UGD) facilities. "It is the responsibility of the BBMP Lakes Department and the BWSSB engineer to prevent dirty water from entering the lake. What is the use of spending a lot of money on the rejuvenation of the lake if no measures are taken to stop the pollution of water in the lake?" asks V Lalithamba, a resident.

Coming down heavily on the BWSSB engineer for letting the dirty water from nearby dwellings enter the stormwater drain and finally polluting the water body, a resident said that the BWSSB has the power to penalise those who let sewage or dirty water into open drains. "There is a manhole near the storm drain. Whenever it is choked, dirty water overflows into the stormwater drain. I want the BWSSB engineer to replace the old UGD pipes or clean the manhole to avoid the overflow of dirty water," the resident said.

> **"What is the use of spending a lot of money on the rejuvenation of the lake if no measures are taken to stop the pollution of water in the lake?** – V Lalithamba, resident of HSR Layout

When informed, BBMP's assistant executive engineer (Lakes) said that he had already directed the contractor responsible for the maintenance of the lake to look into the matter. "The contractor told me that a manhole gets choked often, thus resulting in the overflow of sewage into the stormwater drain. He told me that he would inform the BWSSB engineer," said the assistant executive engineer.

Meanwhile, the BWSSB assistant executive engineer has assured us to look into the matter. "I will fix the problem as early as possible," the assistant executive engineer said.

Directive helps city learn to live with dogs

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a circular with common rules," said a senior official from the animal husbandry department.

One of the documents that BBMP is referring to formulate the rules is a circular issued in 2021 by AWBI regarding increasing human-stray dog conflict in urban areas. The circular stated that the surge in conflict cases is mostly because of increase in the number of societies where people are residing in groups. These communities are treating stray dogs as a menace when they should use positive conditioning to manage stray dogs and educate residents about benefits of community animals.

"As per AWBI, street dogs cannot be beaten, driven away, dumped elsewhere, or killed. They can merely be sterilised in a manner envisaged in ABC Rule of 2023, vaccinated, and then returned to their original location. No law prohibits the feeding of street animals. Our guidelines will be based on these rules and orders," said the official.

Officials said while various courts and notices by the Karnataka government along with AWBI have held that feeding stray animals is a social service and harassment, threatening those who feed and care for them are violations of the laws, such cases keep flowing in.

"Citizens who choose to feed and take care of animals are performing a duty cast upon them by the Constitution of India, which is, showing compassion to all living creatures. AWBI, in the past, has directed that the RWAs and the feeders with the help of AWBI representatives would identify the spot for feeding the street dogs in the colony; no hindrance, whatsoever, shall be caused to the persons in carrying out any activities in respect of the street dogs at the said spot. However, we are flooded with feeder harassment cases," said an official. According to BBMP, the upcoming circular will ensure that RWAs and housing societies frame their bylaws within the constitutional framework and are not discriminatory.

"Even courts have upheld street dog feeding since it reduces human-animal conflict, facilitates animal birth control and said that any attempt to interfere with or harass citizens who choose to feed and take care of community dogs may be tantamount to grave offence of criminal intimidation. The circular will have guidelines around this aspect too," said the official. Some other aspects that the BBMP's circular might include are issues around RWAs banning pet dogs, not allowing pets to use lifts, imposing fines on pet owners, and resorting to animal cruelty such as kicking, beating, starving, poisoning, injuring, caging and killing of animals.

The department is referring to yet another circular issued by AWBI in 2020. It had highlighted that RWAs or apartment owners associations and societies cannot introduce any sort of ban on keeping pet dogs. They cannot insist that small-sized dogs are acceptable and large-sized dogs are not. Moreover, barking of dogs cannot be a valid reason for any proposed ban or restriction on pet owners. It further stated that the general body cannot frame by-laws or amend them in a manner that is at variance with the laws of the country. Even by a complete majority, a general body cannot adopt illegality.

Feeder cards to be issued

To stop cases of feeder harassment, BBMP, in association with Sahavarthin Animal Welfare Trust, is working on issuing feeder cards to all feeders across Bengaluru. The intent is to understand if there are areas where there are no feeders and also help feeders reduce their burden of feeding alone financially as well as physically, by increasing awareness and community responsibility in those areas.

"Through the cards, we want to also make resolving feeder harassment cases easy. We are working on consolidating feeders across Bengaluru with the help of BBMP apart from reaching out to citizens through physical awareness sessions at public places across zones," said Sadhana Hegde, founder of Sahavarthin Animal Welfare Trust.

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The pavement near Jayanagar Cultural Association on 33rd Cross, 4th Block, resembles a garbage yard, causing an eyesore for residents.

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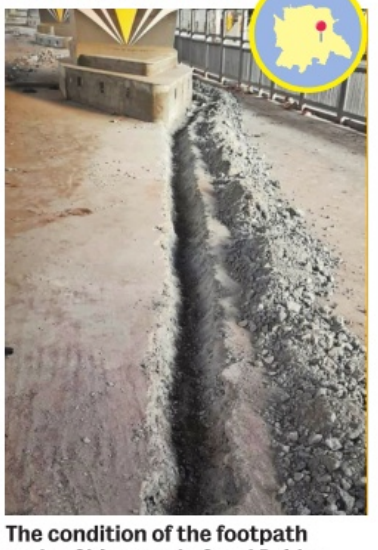

The condition of the footpath under Shivananda Steel Bridge needs attention and repair.

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Tushar Girinath along with college students at an awareness campaign for voting, in the city on Friday

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Election of elections kicks off

Voting for six-week election that's seen as referendum on Modi has begun

Millions of Indians began voting Friday in a six-week election that's a referendum on Narendra Modi, the populist prime minister who is seeking a rare third term as the country's leader.

People began queuing up at polling stations hours before they were allowed in at 7 a.m. in the first 21 states to hold votes, from the Himalayan mountains to the tropical Andaman Islands. Nearly 970 million voters — more than 10% of the world's population — will elect 543 members to the lower house of Parliament for five years during the staggered elections that run until June 1. The votes will be counted on June 4.

This election is seen as one of the most consequential in India's history and will test the limits of Modi's political dominance.

If Modi wins, he'll be only the second Indian leader to retain power for a third term, after Jawaharlal Nehru, the country's first prime minister.

A voter carries a little girl as he casts his vote at a polling station in Chennai, on Friday

Most polls predict a win for Modi and his Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, who are up against a broad opposition alliance led by the Indian National Congress and powerful regional parties.

It's not clear who will lead India if the opposition alliance, called INDIA, wins the election. Its more than 20 parties have not put forward a candidate yet. The BJP controls much of India's Hindi-speaking northern and central parts, but is now trying to gain a foothold in the east and south. Their toughest challenge is in the southern Tamil Nadu state, with 39 seats, where voting is being held Friday.

Voters in hot and humid Chennai, the state's capital, began briskly filling the city's nearly 4,000 polling booths. A number of them said they were voting for a change in federal government given rising prices, unemployment and religious polarization stoked by the BJP.

"First thing I came to vote for is to have a country without any religious disharmony. In Tamil Nadu — Hindus, Muslims, Christians, we're all together. And this unity should grow," said 65-year-old Mary Das, who was waiting to vote. In Rajasthan, people returning from polling stations covered their heads against dusty winds. "If the new government is able to solve unemployment, then it will be good. People are migrating from this region to earn a living," said Atinder Singh, 26.

Voting is also taking place in the northeastern state of Manipur, where a near-civil war for a year has triggered ethnic violence.

The election comes after a decade of Modi's leadership, during which the BJP has consolidated power. **–AP**

Food for voters: Eateries await BBMP chief's nod

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Restaurants in city have for years offered free or discounted food to those who have casted votes

The Bruhat Bengaluru Hotels Association (BBHA) has been waiting for the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP's) nod to go ahead with its plan of providing free or discounted food to those voters who would exercise their franchise in the Lok Sabha elections to be held in Bengaluru on April 26. Some of the hotels associated with BBHA had offered free or discounted food for those who voted in the Assembly elections held last May.

"We have written a letter to the BBMP Chief Commissioner who is the Bengaluru District Election Officer for the Lok Sabha elections. We are waiting for his approval to commence a voter awareness programme by hotels in Bengaluru. We will chalk out our plan for voters only after receiving the nod," said BBHA president PC Rao.

BHA president PC Rao and Krishnaraj S P, proprietor of Grand Nisarga Hotel, had to appeal to the High Court last year to obtain a stay order against the BBMP order prohibiting them from providing breakfast or food to those voters who have already casted their votes in the Assembly elections. Finally, the High Court Division Bench allowed the hoteliers to offer free or discounted food to the voters by staying the BBMP order.

Some hotels and bakeries had offered food items either free or at discount for those voters who exercised their franchise. "It is to encourage more voters to visit polling booths to exercise their franchise. Our objective is to bring a good name to Bengaluru which reports low percentage of voting during the all elections. There is no voter who comes out of his/her home to exercise their franchise because hotels are offering free or subsidised food," said Veerendra Kamat, secretary, BBHA.

Krishnaraj SP of Grand Nisarga Hotel said that around 5,000 voters availed of the free breakfast provided last year. "Voters availed of the free breakfast at Grand Nisarga in 2018 (Karnataka Assembly elections), 2019 (Lok Sabha elections) and 2023 (Assembly elections). It will be the fourth year (on April 26) for us to offer free breakfast – one dosa, jamoon and juice – for voters who show inked fingers," said Krishnaraj.

Polling booth demands urgent infra attention

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Residents along Haines Road say situation of Abdul Bari's High School is dire, with encroached and bad roads

Residents and shop owners along Haines Road are voicing their frustration over the poor conditions at the Abdul Bari's High School polling booth, just eight days before the Lok Sabha elections. Despite multiple complaints, they stated that the community's concerns have been ignored, highlighting a significant neglect of responsibility on the civic body.

The residents alleged that the current situation is dire, with six booths allocated at Abdul Bari's High School, anticipating a significant voter turnout of 6,000-8,000 individuals. However, the area is rife with issues that could severely hinder the democratic process. Abandoned cars despite there being No-Parking Boards litter the area, the roads are in appalling condition, and a distressing accumulation of garbage mars the vicinity of the abandoned ESI Hospital building. Footpaths are obstructed by debris, and the replacement of old water lines has left dug-up areas untarred, posing a hazard to vehicles, particularly for the handicapped.

"The lack of proper road maintenance, combined with the blatant encroachment of construction material vendors onto footpaths, paints a bleak picture of the chaos awaiting voters," said a resident of the area.

The residents pointed out they have lodged several complaints in the past, only to be met with hollow promises. "We want immediate and decisive action to address these pressing issues and ensure that voters can freely exercise their democratic right without impediments. It is imperative that the surrounding infrastructure receives adequate maintenance, roads are cleared of obstructions, and necessary arrangements are made to facilitate smooth parking and movement of voters," said a resident. They also urged collaboration with the relevant authorities to enforce regulations and prevent illegal activities such as encroachment by vendors and unauthorised parking. "We expect nothing short of immediate action to rectify these grievances before the elections. Failure to do so would be a flagrant betrayal of the trust," they said.

2024 Parliament Election

Manifesto: Blueprint for progress

Congress candidate for Bengaluru Central Mansoor Ali Khan unveiled his vision for Bengaluru by unveiling a special manifesto on Friday. Unveiling the manifesto for the Bengaluru Central Constituency, he said "This manifesto serves as our blueprint for progress, outlining policies and solutions for major issues that have plagued the city for years. It covers development, employment, inclusive education, water scarcity, environmental conservation, women's empowerment, healthcare, transportation, traffic management, defense, cultural enhancement, and citizen safety. Our city requires fresh and creative approaches to address its evolving challenges. This manifesto marks the beginning of a promising journey that will unite us all and transform our city into a thriving metropolis. I am dedicated to formulating an ambitious health plan to serve the community." Earlier in the day, Khan conducted a campaign meeting in various locations including Rajajinagar Legislative Assembly Constituency, Basaveshwara Nagar, Sri Rama Nagar, Sharada Colony, Netaji Park, Appaji Park, LIC Colony, and others.

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Months after Rameshwaram Cafe blast, security checks take back seat

Visitors notice decline in security checks at malls and hotels weeks after cafe blast in city

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The Rameshwaram Cafe blast caused hotels and malls in the city to significantly enhance security measures. As a result, visitors were subjected to frisking and metal detector scans not only in Bengaluru but also in neighbouring cities. However, after about a month, security measures have relaxed, and some malls and hotels have ceased visitor checks.

According to Sushma Kumar, a business professional, "I recently visited a mall where there was no security check at all. Just a few weeks ago, there was rigorous checking, citing the Rameshwaram Cafe bombing as the reason. It's concerning to see security take a back seat. While I appreciate not being checked or frisked, I believe security measures should be consistent and not reactive."

Sumedha K, a tech professional, added, "Even though security checks may seem inconvenient at times, they are crucial for our safety and the prevention of potential threats. We must prioritise security measures to ensure a secure environment for everyone. Security checks are essential to deter any untoward incidents and provide a sense of security to visitors. It's better to be safe than sorry, and I believe security screenings are necessary to maintain public safety. It's reassuring to know that establishments prioritise security to protect their customers. While security checks may sometimes inconvenience individuals, they play a vital role in maintaining public safety and preventing potential threats."

A hotel owner expressed apprehension about the potential repercussions, stating, "When we compare our establishments with renowned five-star hotels, there's a noticeable disparity in security standards. Luxury hotels invest substantially in security infrastructure, utilising measures like metal detectors and baggage screening to ensure visitor safety. However, for many in Bengaluru, including cafes like Rameshwaram, the open-layout concept is integral to the dining experience, allowing patrons to freely enter and select seating. Introducing stringent security measures such as metal detectors would require restricting entry points, disrupting the open and inviting atmosphere that defines these establishments."

He further added that the lack of security personnel and screening equipment further complicates matters and implementing such measures would inevitably raise operational expenses, including hiring security guards, procuring screening machinery, and conducting regular security checks, all of which entail significant financial implications. "Considering the current economic climate and reduced foot traffic, any price hikes could discourage potential customers, exacerbating the challenges faced by struggling hotel businesses. While enhanced security measures may improve safety, their implementation poses considerable logistical and financial challenges for budget-conscious establishments already grappling with economic uncertainties," he said.

Visitors being checked at a mall in Bengaluru (file photo)

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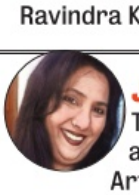
Bengaluru is known for its thriving music culture, with a wide range of genres and styles, from classical Indian music to contemporary western music, the city has something to offer for everyone.

Ravi Kumar, BM Reader
Bengaluru is a city that promotes both foreign and regional art, where the youth are attracted to Western arts. However, it still prioritises regional and cultural arts in venues like Ravindra Kalakshetra and others.



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The city is home to numerous art galleries, such as the Mahua Art Gallery and the Crimson Gallery, which showcase a diverse range of art forms. These spaces promote artists and contribute to the city's cultural richness.

Prem, BM Reader
Local art and music scenes play a pivotal role in shaping Bengaluru's cultural identity. Events and performances not only provide entertainment but also contribute to a sense of community and vibrancy.

Prakash, BM Reader
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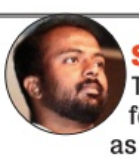

Surendr, BM Reader
The city hosts several music festivals throughout the year, such as the Bangalore Open Air, Echoes of Earth, and Vh1 Supersonic. Some popular art destinations are National Gallery of Modern Art and Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath.

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POWER COUPLES

Richest couples in Bollywood and their combined net worth

In the world of Bollywood, power couples reign supreme, not just in terms of their on-screen chemistry but also their combined wealth and influence. From Anushka Sharma-Virat Kohli, Aishwarya Rai-Abhishek Bachchan, Rani Mukerji-Aditya Chopra, let's take a closer look at the seven richest couples in Bollywood who have not only conquered the silver screen but also amassed staggering fortunes together.

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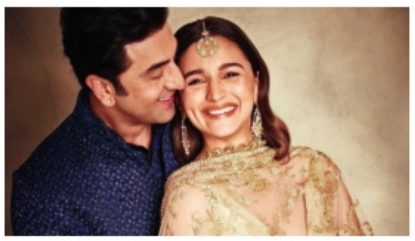
Anushka Sharma and Virat Kohli

Actress Anushka Sharma and Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli make a formidable duo both in their respective fields and in wealth. With Anushka's successful acting career and Virat's lucrative cricket endorsements and investments, this power couple commands a substantial fortune.

According to reports from DNA India and Financial Express, the combined net worth of Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma is estimated to be around Rs 1,300 crore.

Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt



Ranbir Kapoor, scion of the Kapoor dynasty, and the talented Alia Bhatt form one of Bollywood's most talked-about couples. Their combined wealth, bolstered by acting careers and brand endorsements, places them among the wealthiest in the industry. Ranbir and Alia have a net worth of Rs 720 crore, according to DNA India and Hindustan Times.

Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh

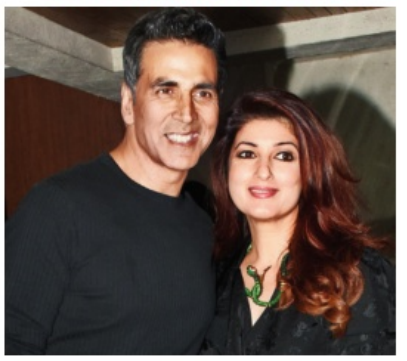
Deepika Padukone, Bollywood's leading lady, and the charismatic Ranveer Singh are a powerhouse couple both on and off-screen. With their impressive acting chops and endorsements, they have amassed considerable wealth, making them a force to be reckoned with in Bollywood's elite circles.

Deepika and Ranveer reportedly enjoy a joint net worth of Rs 744 crore.

Shah Rukh Khan and Gauri Khan

Bollywood's King Khan, Shah Rukh Khan, and his wife Gauri Khan epitomize glamour. While Shah Rukh reigns supreme as one of the highest-paid actors in Bollywood, Gauri is a successful interior designer and entrepreneur. DNA India reports Shah Rukh and Gauri as Bollywood's wealthiest couple, with a combined net worth of approximately Rs 8,096 crore.

Akshay Kumar and Twinkle Khanna



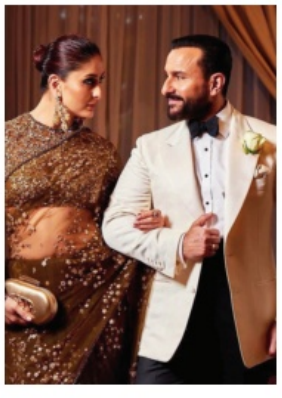
Akshay Kumar and his wife Twinkle Khanna who is a successful author form a dynamic duo in both the entertainment and business worlds. With Akshay's box office success and Twinkle's literary ventures, they are among Bollywood's wealthiest couples.

According to DNA India, Akshay Kumar and Twinkle Khanna have a combined net worth of Rs 3,542 crore.

Rani Mukerji and Aditya Chopra

Actress Rani Mukerji and filmmaker Aditya Chopra are a power couple deeply entrenched in Bollywood's film industry. While Rani continues to charm audiences with her acting prowess, Aditya's production ventures have added to their considerable wealth. Rani and Aditya reportedly have a combined net worth of a massive Rs 7,400 crore.

Saif Ali Khan and Kareena Kapoor



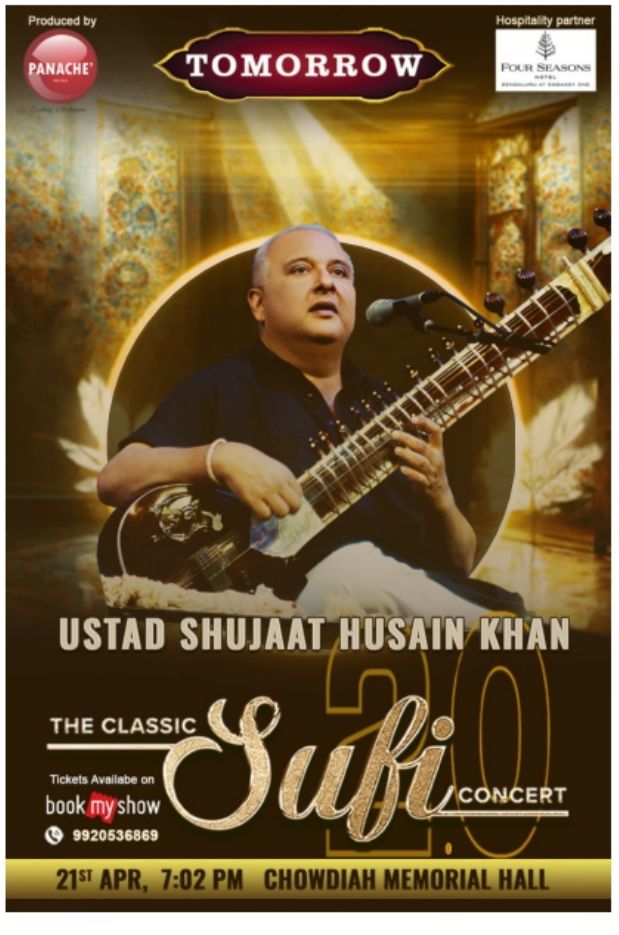
Saif Ali Khan, Bollywood's Nawab, and Kareena Kapoor Khan, the begum of Bollywood, are a royal couple in every sense of the word. With Saif's diverse acting career and Kareena's successful film projects and brand endorsements, they are among Bollywood's richest couples.

Saif Ali Khan and Kareena Kapoor Khan reportedly have a joint net worth of Rs 1,968 crore.

Aishwarya Rai & Abhishek Bachchan

Aishwarya Rai, former Miss World, and Abhishek Bachchan, scion of the legendary Bachchan family, form a glamorous and affluent couple. With Aishwarya's international acclaim and Abhishek's successful acting career and business ventures, they are a force to be reckoned with.

Aishwarya and Abhishek Bachchan aren't far behind with a combined net worth of Rs 1,006 crore, according to DNA India.



‘Many of the tree guards are either damaged or missing’

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“I was shocked to see all the saplings withered due to lack of water. Many of the tree guards are either damaged or missing. I have advised a tea seller to water one or two saplings and he has agreed to adopt two saplings. I also told him to put the used tea powder or leaves around the saplings instead of throwing them into the drain. The used tea leaves or powder will be a good manure,” said Balaji Raghotham, a lake activist.

Emphasising the need of having a tie-up or consultation with residents’ welfare associations or people residing nearby to look after the saplings, Anupama VL, treasurer of Benniganahalli Kere Community Development Trust, said the BBMP forest department should have contacted the children at Baiyappanahalli police quarters for watering the saplings.

“The children at police quarters would have agreed to water the saplings if the BBMP forest department officials had asked them,” said Anupama.

She said the other option was contacting the management of RMZ which is nurturing and watering thousands of saplings on its premises. “The management of RMZ would have happily agreed to adopt 10 or 20 saplings,” she said.

There are some eateries operating from the footpath on Old Madras Road. Each of them can take care of two to three saplings but the BBMP did not bother either to contact them or the children at police quarters or the management of RMZ due to the reasons best known to them.

Meanwhile, BBMP range forest officer (Mahadevapura) Sudarshan Reddy said that he would take measures to replace the withered saplings with new ones in July. “As of now, it is difficult to plant saplings due to shortage of water. Planting of saplings will be taken up in July. We will provide tree guards to all the saplings,” he said.

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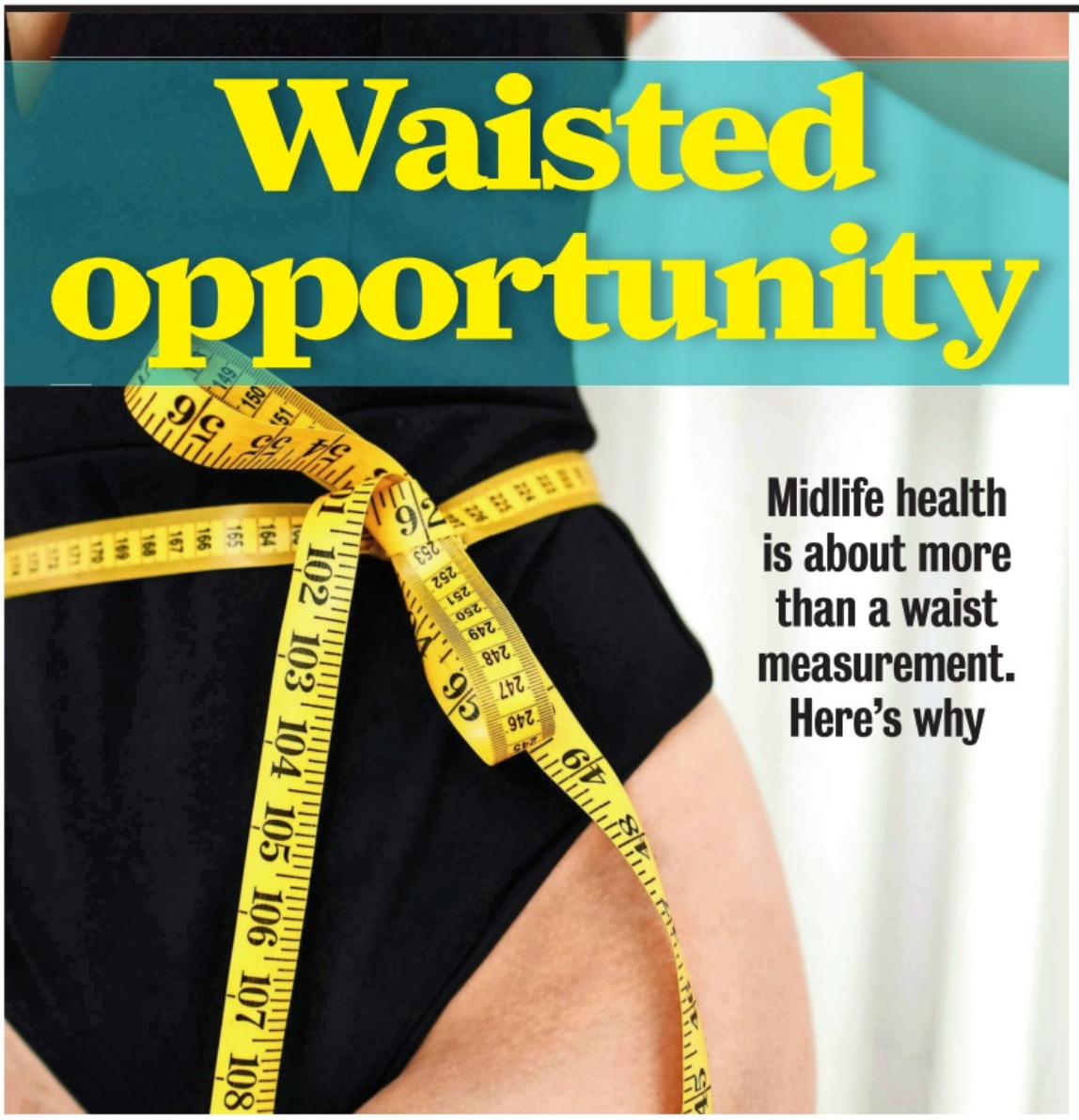


Midlife health is about more than a waist measurement. Here's why

You're not in your 20s or 30s anymore and you know regular health checks are important. So you go to your GP. During the appointment they measure your waist. They might also check your weight. Looking concerned, they recommend some lifestyle changes.

Health professionals commonly measure waist circumference as a vital sign for health. This is a better indicator than body mass index (BMI) of the amount of intra-abdominal fat. This is the really risky fat around and within the organs that can drive heart disease and metabolic disorders such as type 2 diabetes.

Men are at greatly increased risk of health issues if their waist circumference is greater than 102 centimetres. Women are considered to be at greater risk with a waist circumference of 88 centimetres or more.

More than two-thirds of Australian adults have waist measurements that put them at an increased risk of disease. An even better indicator is waist circumference divided by height or waist-to-height ratio.

But we know people (especially women) have a propensity to gain weight around their middle during midlife, which can be very hard to control. Are they doomed to ill health? It turns out that, although such measurements are important, they are not the whole story when it comes to your risk of disease and death.

How much is too much?

Having a waist circumference to height ratio larger than 0.5 is associated with greater risk of chronic disease as well as premature death and this applies in adults of any age. A healthy waist-to-height ratio is between 0.4 to 0.49. A ratio of 0.6 or more places a person at the highest risk of disease.

Some experts recommend waist circumference be routinely measured in patients during health appointments. This can kick off a discussion about their risk of chronic diseases and how they might address this.

Excessive body fat and the associated health problems manifest more strongly during midlife. A range of social, personal and physiological factors come together to make it more difficult to control waist circumference as we age.

Metabolism tends to slow down mainly due to decreasing muscle mass because people do less vigorous physical activity, in particular resistance exercise.

For women, hormone levels begin changing in mid-life and this also stimulates increased fat levels particularly around the abdomen. At the same time, this life phase (often involving job responsibilities, parenting and caring for ageing parents) is when elevated stress can lead to increased cortisol which causes fat gain in the abdominal region.

Midlife can also bring poorer sleep patterns. These contribute to fat gain with disruption to the hormones that control appetite.

Finally, your family history and genetics can make you predisposed to gaining more abdominal fat.

> **Exercise can counter negative behavioural and physiological changes that are occurring during midlife including for those in menopause**

Why the waist?

This intra-abdominal or visceral fat is much more metabolically active (it has a greater impact on body organs and systems) than the fat under the skin (subcutaneous fat).

Visceral fat surrounds and infiltrates major organs such as the liver, pancreas and intestines, releasing a variety of chemicals (hormones, inflammatory signals, and fatty acids). These affect inflammation, lipid metabolism, cholesterol levels and insulin resistance, contributing to the development of chronic illnesses.

The issue is particularly evident during menopause. In addition to the direct effects of hormone changes, declining levels of oestrogen change brain function, mood and motivation. These psychological alterations can result in reduced physical activity and increased eating – often of comfort foods high in sugar and fat.

But these outcomes are not inevitable. Diet, exercise and managing mental health can limit visceral fat gains in mid-life. And importantly, the waist circumference (and ratio to height) is just one measure of human health. There are so many other aspects of body composition, exercise and diet. These can have much larger influence on a person's health.

Muscle matters

The quantity and quality of skeletal muscle (attached to bones to produce movement) a person has makes a big difference to their heart, lung, metabolic, immune, neurological and mental health as well as their physical function.

On current evidence, it is equally or more important for health and longevity to have higher muscle mass and better cardiorespiratory (aerobic) fitness than waist circumference within the healthy range. So, if a person does have an excessive waist circumference, but they are also sedentary and have less muscle mass and aerobic fitness, then the recommendation would be to focus on an appropriate exercise programme. The fitness deficits should be addressed as priority rather than worry about fat loss. Conversely, a person with low visceral fat levels is not necessarily fit and healthy and may have quite poor aerobic fitness, muscle mass, and strength. The research evidence is that these vital signs of health – how strong a person is, the quality of their diet and how well their heart, circulation and lungs are working – are more predictive of risk of disease and death than how thin or fat a person is. For example, a 2017 Dutch study followed overweight and obese people for 15 years and found people who were very physically active had no increased heart disease risk than "normal weight" participants.

Get moving

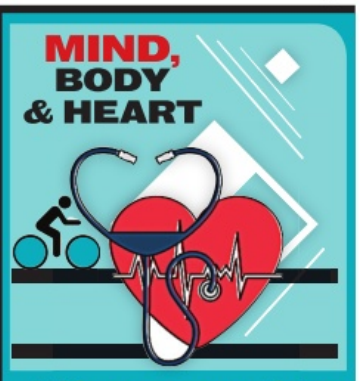
Physical activity has many benefits. Exercise can counter a lot of the negative behavioural and physiological changes that are occurring during midlife including for people going through menopause. And regular exercise reduces the tendency to use food and drink to help manage what can be a quite difficult time in life.

Measuring your waist circumference and monitoring your weight remains important. If the measures exceed the values listed above, then it is certainly a good idea to make some changes.

Exercise is effective for fat loss and in particular decreasing visceral fat with greater effectiveness when combined with dietary restriction of energy intake.

Importantly, any fat loss programme – whether through drugs, diet or surgery – is also a muscle loss program unless resistance exercise is part of the program. Talking about your overall health with a doctor is a great place to start.

(By Rob Newton, Edith Cowan University, The Conversation)



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To help kids sleep

Time
Choose a consistent bedtime and wake time. This consistency will help children's own natural melatonin kick in.
Make sure bedtime isn't too early. For example, an 8 p.m. bedtime is too early for most 10-year-olds.

Light and action
Help your child get natural sunlight in the morning. Morning sunlight sets our brain's internal clock so that we can fall asleep more easily at bedtime.
Ensure your child is getting physical activity during the day.

Strict no
Minimize naps longer than one hour, or after 4 p.m. for school-age children. Naps can interfere with going to sleep at night.
Avoid caffeine, including many types of soda, tea and chocolate.
Turn off all screens and smartphones at least 30 minutes before bedtime.

Lights off
In the evening leading up to bedtime, turn down all lights in the house. Consider using red night lights, if possible.
Set any devices to night mode in the evening to limit exposure to blue light.
Create wind-down time in place of screens. Have your child identify an activity they enjoy that is calming and soothing, such as reading a book, coloring or listening to music. If a bath is stimulating, move it to earlier in the evening, such as after dinner.

Learn to be independent
Help your child learn to fall asleep without needing you or their devices to be there with them.
That way, they will settle down on their own at bedtime.
And when they wake up throughout the night, since we all wake up in the night, they will be able to go right back to sleep without becoming fully awake.

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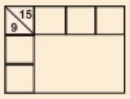
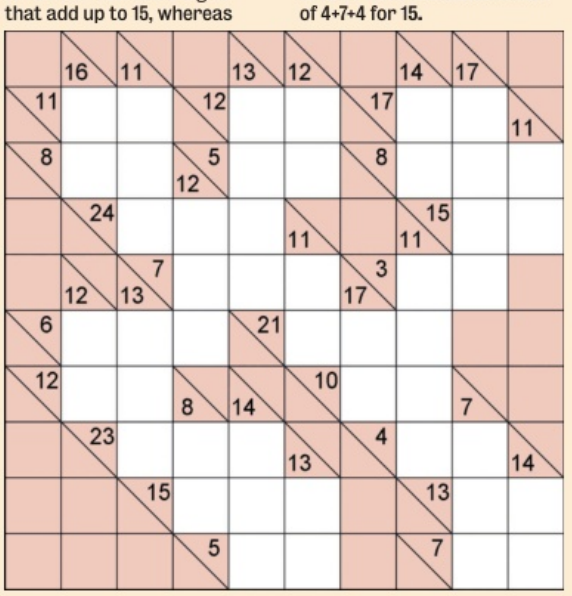
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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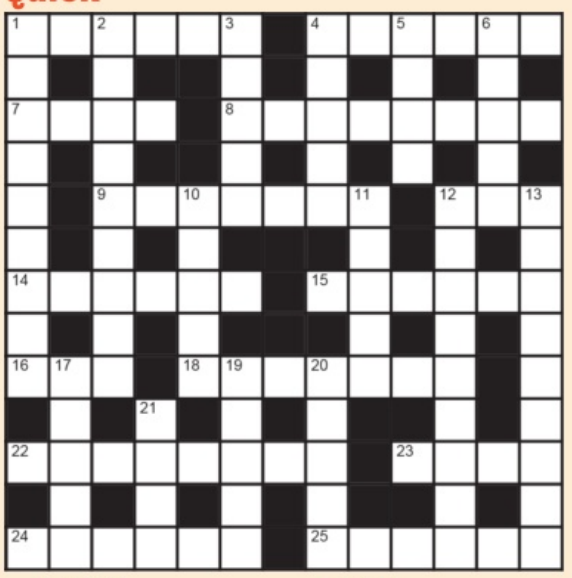

ACROSS

1 Behemoths (6)
4 A shooting star (6)
7 Ballerina's skirt (4)
8 Ongoing (5,3)
9 Second-hand vehicle (4,3)
12 Headgear (3)
14 Inclined head (6)
15 Peter, Paul, Xavier, et al.? (6)
16 Uneven (3)
18 Promotes by good salesmanship (5,2)
22 Light mineral oil (8)
23 Snide remark (4)
24 Voice box (6)
25 Faculties (6)

DOWN

1 Concentrate fully on? (3,4,2)
2 Amazed, confounded or astonished (9)
3 Team (5)
4 News sources (5)
5 Legal injury (4)
6 City in Japan (5)
10 Occurrence (5)
11 Raises; nurses or nurtures? (5)
12 Multiplex on Banerghatta road (9)
13 Travel documents (9)
17 Serious play (5)
19 Attach (5)
20 Eccentricities or peculiarities? (5)
21 Tiny tot or nursling (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: K EQUALS T

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Let's commit the perfect crime: You steal my heart and I will steal yours

Mindchow

Men always want to be a woman's first love; women like to be a man's last romance

Joke of the day

I recently gave a talk to a group of backpackers; they were on the edge of their seats

Loop

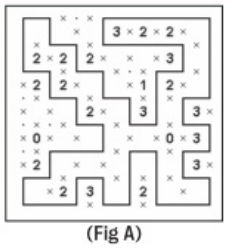
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



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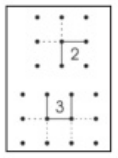

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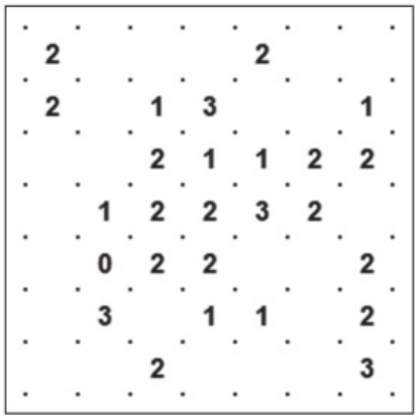

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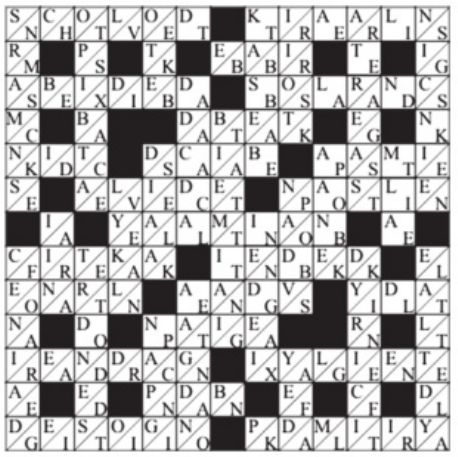
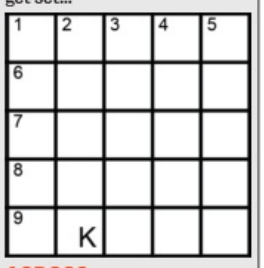


This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Cake E; 6 BT ran;
7 Yo hut; 8 A seer;
9 Sri KR

DOWN

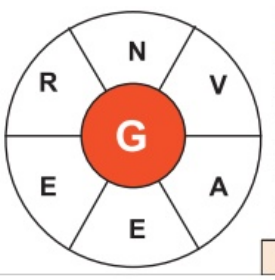
1 By Ass; 2 Ok Car;
3 U Raki; 4 Treen;
5 There

Mensapuzzle

What letter is immediately to the left of the letter which is two to the left of the letter that comes midway between the letter two to the right of the letter F and the letter two to the left of the letter D?

A B C D E F G H

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

13 Average; 15 Good; 17 Outstanding

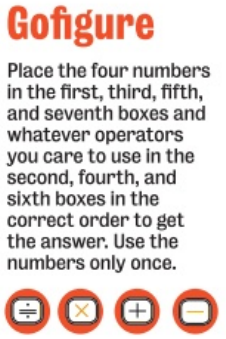
SudokuChallenge

	4						3	
6			8		4	2		
			3				8	5
3				9	2			
9		5	4		8	3		2
			1	7				4
4	5				1			
		3	7		5			9
	6						1	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



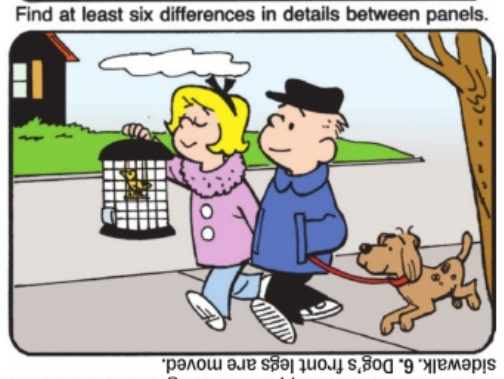
Easy = 6
1 2 4 9

Medium = 12
2 2 6 7

Hard = 29
2 8 9 6

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



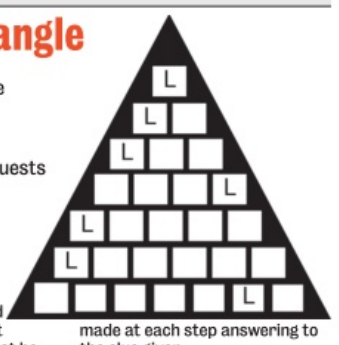
Differences: 1. Leash is different. 2. Cage is smaller. 3. Button is moved. 4. Zipper is missing. 5. Line is added to sidewalk. 6. Dog's front legs are moved.

Riddler

A man dove into the water with no tank, no snorkel, or any other device which allowed him to breathe, yet he stayed down there to live for the rest of his life. How is this possible?

Alpha triangle

1 Learner's plate
2 51 in ancient Rome
3 Illuminated
4 Peacock's pride
5 Nonclergy
6 Succession of requests
7 Meanly



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Diamond Lil

Bizarrotrip

Popeye

Hart of the city

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL, MAYBE YOU SHOULD SKIP THIS ONE.
NO NEED TO FIGHT OVER THE LEAD ROLE, THAT WAY.
GOOD TRY, DANA, BUT I DO THINGS I DON'T WANT TO DO ALL THE TIME.
I'M IN SCHOOL, AREN'T I?
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Crankshaft

Mutts

OH, FRANK, WHAT DO YOU THINK MOOCH IS TRYING TO SAY?
MEOW MEOW MEOW
"FEED ME." — WHAT ELSE!?! IF CATS COULD TALK THAT'S ALL THEY'D SAY!
mutts.com
1-2

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, your destiny may help you to achieve success easily. You may likely visit some religious place to seek peace of mind. Spending time earning intellectual or occult knowledge is favoured. Students may perform better. Singles are likely to find a good match. Lovebirds may make important decisions regarding marriage.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may be busy at work. With the help of your strong network, you may successfully implement your plans. Your wisdom may help you gain profits from past investments. Enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, increasing harmony in your domestic life. Lovebirds may enjoy happy moments.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. Last week's crunch is now over. With the moon's blessing, you may receive recognition for your hard work. With the help of your subordinates, you may initiate postponed tasks. There may be gains in your business, boosting your finances.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel dull and have some health issues. It is advised to postpone business investments and avoid starting new ventures. Losses in business are likely, and gains may convert into losses.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you will be happy and feel peace of mind. Your focus towards your goals will be strong. You may have romantic moments with your spouse, strengthening your bond. You will also be busy with other domestic issues.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be more enthusiastic. Your performance at work may be good, boosting your rapport with seniors. You may receive new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Good news may come in legal matters, and your opponents and hidden enemies may be under control.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may complete difficult tasks easily, boosting your confidence. Past investments may bring good gains. Avoid arguments on worthless topics as they may waste your time.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today is not good; you may feel unhappy and dissatisfied. Practice patience and avoid making hasty decisions. Take care of your parents.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may make decisions quickly, benefiting your daily life. Difficult decisions may be made with the help of colleagues, leading to success. Property disputes between siblings may be resolved, and short trips may be expected.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you are advised to control your straightforwardness as loose talking may affect those around you. Avoid spending money on worthless items and make important decisions with patience.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you are blessed by the moon, turning past disappointments into happiness. Enjoy your professional and personal life, with your network helping to complete postponed projects. Starting a new venture with siblings is likely, with support from your network.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be busy at work, and your focus towards your goals may be tested. Patience and dedication may help you achieve your goals on time, with rewards for your hard work. Investments in fixed assets may also be made.

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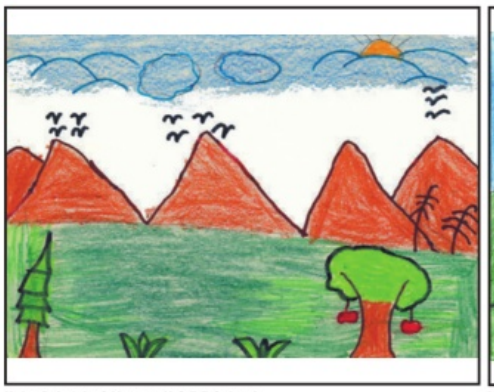

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SOLUTIONS

BULL'S EYE
agree, anger, avenge, AVENGER, engage, ENGRAVE, gaze, grave, green, rage, rang, range, verge

SOLVE IN 1M
$=(6^3)^{1/3}+(3^3)^{1/3}$
$=6+3$
$=9$

FAST FIVE

A	C	K	E	E
B	R	A	N	T
Y	O	U	T	H
S	A	R	E	E
S	K	I	R	R

RIDDLER
Of course he died within minutes like any human would, but he had lived there for the rest of his life!

STRIKE OUT

S	H	O	V	E	D	K	R	R	A	A	L	S		
M	P	K	B	A	I	T	I							
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C	A	B	A	T	E	K								
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QUICK

L	A	R	V	N	X	S	E	N	S	E	S			
M	B	I	K		I	T								
P	A	R	A	F	I	N	S	L	U	R				
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MENSA PUZZLE
B.

QUOTE UNCODE
When Solomon said there was a time and a place for everything he had not encountered the problem of parking his automobile.

SUDOKU

8	6	7	2	4	9	5	1	3
1	2	3	7	8	5	6	4	9
4	5	9	6	3	1	7	2	8
2	8	6	1	7	3	9	5	4
9	1	5	4	6	8	3	7	2
3	7	4	5	9	2	8	6	1
7	9	2	3	1	6	4	8	5
6	3	1	8	5	4	2	9	7
5	4	8	9	2	7	1	3	6

ALPHA TRIANGLE
L, LI, LIt, Tail, Latty, Litany, Nastily.

GO FIGURE
Easy
$2+9-4-1=6$
Medium
$7+2\times2-6=12$
Hard
$6\times2+9+8=29$

LOOP

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Game, set & match

Zendaya on what advice she got from Timothee

Actor and singer Zendaya shared what advice she got from 'Dune' co-star Timothee Chalamet before working with director Luca Guadagnino in 'Challengers', who was seen in 'Guadagnino's Call Me By Your Name' in 2017, as per The Hollywood Reporter. "He said wonderful things," Zendaya said at the Los Angeles premiere of 'Challengers'. "Luca is brilliant and I've wanted to work with Luca for a very long time and this just seemed like the absolute perfect thing. When we first met about the script he had such a keen, deep understanding of the characters from the beginning and a clearer idea of the kind of movie he wanted to create. And the script was brilliant, [writer] Justin Kuritzkes is so talented and I'm so happy for him. So it all made sense."

As per The Hollywood Reporter, Zendaya, also a producer on the film, stars as a former tennis prodigy now coaching her champion husband (played by Mike Faist), who is currently on a losing streak. To rebuild his confidence, she enters him in a Challenger tournament, where he faces off against his former best friend and her ex-boyfriend (Josh O'Connor).

Ahead of the L.A. screening, Zendaya expressed her gratitude for those in the crowd and said, "I always think that nobody's going to be at these things and then I'm so surprised when people are actually here."

She added, "We hope you enjoy it and just have fun. Dance if you want to, because it will make you want to do that. And again, don't judge the characters too hard."

Guadagnino, who noted that the night marked his career's first major L.A. premiere, also mentioned the dancing aspect in his pre-screening presentation, since the film's score--by Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross--is significant.

"I wanted to put a song at the end of the credits and [Reznor and Ros] are very good because they don't say anything, and then at the right moment they say, 'What about a new song?' OK!" the filmmaker teased. "I was on a plane leaving Los Angeles for Italy and was thinking about somebody and started to write these lyrics, and forwarded them to Trent and said, 'If you think this is a good lyric for the song, maybe it's in the movie...'" The Hollywood Reporter said. **-ANI**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Into the jungle

Director Chandramohan has revealed the title of his fourth movie. The title of the movie featuring Chikkanna, Anish Tejeshwar, Gurunandan, and Rangayana Raghu, is Forest.

"I wrote the script for the film Upadhyaksha apart from handling megaphone for three Kannada movies. My fourth movie Forest is an adventurous comedy. The movie also features Avinash, Archana Kottige and Sharayna Shetty. Suraj Pops is playing the villain in this movie. I am very happy with his acting skills," said Chandramohan.

The director said the shooting of the movie was held at Chikkamagaluru for eight days, Sampaje forest near Madikeri for 22 days, MM Hills for 10 days and in Bengaluru for 15 days. "The movie has four songs and shooting of two songs is yet to be completed," the director said.

From cult to family entertainer

Director Chandrashekar Bandiyappa known for handling the megaphone for movies based on cult subjects is shifting focus to family entertainment by joining hands with hero Pruthvi Ambar known for his performance in Kannada movie Dia. After tasting success in Sandalwood, Chandrasekhar has tried his luck in Bollywood by directing Hindi movie Red Collar in which Kannada actor Kishore played the lead role.

"The post-production work of Hindi movie Red Collar is in progress. Meanwhile I wrote the script for Kannada movie Karavali that is being directed by Gurudatha Ganiga," said Bandiyappa. When asked why he had selected Pruthvi Ambar for the lead role, the director said the story is about the present generation. "I selected Pruthvi for the lead because he is the right actor to play (civil engineer) the lead. We are also looking for a suitable actress," said the director.

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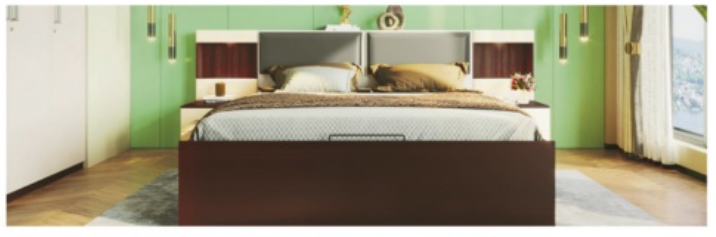

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